

Tyddyn Llan News Letter Autumn/Winter

As I write this news letter, the nights are drawing in and the leaves on the trees are starting to change their colour and fall to the ground. It's a true sign that summer (what summer you may ask?) is over and that autumn is truly upon us. The reason we contact you is that we want you to come back and stay with us. I hope that the ideas and deals we are trying to promote will put Tyddyn Llan back in your mind and encourage you to make some reservations with us. This year has been a tough year for us, and indeed for most people in this business, even Gordon Ramsay himself has had his share of cut backs and closures. Susan and I are determined that we are going to survive this winter and as empty rooms are not good for us, we have put together some amazing deals.

The Gourmet Overnight Stay

Following its previous success we are repeating this amazing offer - stay overnight in one of our best rooms, enjoy a half bottle of Champagne with canapés before a six course dinner of seasonal ingredients or upgrade to our nine course tasting menu for £15 per person and finish off with coffee and chocolates all for £275 for two people (normal price for *just* dinner bed and breakfast is £280 upwards). If one night is not long enough to unwind, stay the second night for £140 per room bed and breakfast and eat as little or as much as you want with two starters @ £30, starter and main course @ £38 or the full works @ £45, all with canapés and our tasting bowl of soup.

Available Sunday through to Friday.

Let us treat you this Christmas

Take £100 per person off our Christmas rates

Let us look after you this Christmas - with a three day break at Tyddyn Llan, our crazy £100 per person discount, will let you treat your partner to a special stocking filler gift on us! The discounted prices range from £400 to £525 per person depending on the room you choose.

Spending Christmas at Tyddyn Llan is just like visiting your best friend's home, where good food and wine are important as is a relaxing

festive atmosphere. We can also advise you on the special church services in the village.

Once you arrive on Christmas Eve, afternoon tea will be served in our lounges and a half bottle of champagne will be waiting for you in your room to start Christmas off with some bubbles.

More bubbles will await you in the evening with Champagne and canapés followed by a five course dinner with influences of a French Christmas.

On the big day itself, after a light continental breakfast the rest of Christmas day is traditional British fare. On the menu, a four course luncheon begins with a choice of starters, followed by a decision between roast local goose, welsh black beef or everyone's favourite, free range turkey with all the trimmings; Of course a fish and a vegetarian option will be available. Then, if you have room, Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or choose from some of our lighter offerings, and to finish off coffee and mince pies.

Either walk off the lunch, relax in the lounges or take a snooze before a tempting buffet with baked Carmarthen ham, poached salmon, roast beef, salads and a selection of seasonal cheeses to finish off your festive Christmas day fare.

On Boxing Day, enjoy the full works for breakfast, then spend the day exploring the wonderful countryside before returning to a Boxing night feast of seafood, Franco's famous Vincisgrassi with truffles and roast sucking pig. The following morning after breakfast it's a sad farewell and wishes of a happy and prosperous New Year, unless we can tempt you into staying any extra nights at a special rate of £90 per person for dinner, bed and breakfast.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Planning a Christmas party? Why not try us. Treat your staff or persuade your committee to take advantage of our special menus.

We are offering a three course dinner or lunch with lots of seasonal choices, together with canapés, coffee and mince pies from £24 per person.

Bryan Webb's Kitchen Cook Book

The book has been selling very well and has received many favourable reviews. If you don't already have a copy, it would make an ideal Christmas present for yourself or someone else.

The Wine List

Our wine consultant Neville Blech, has created a 'Special Selection' list where you will find some incredible never to be repeated bargains with some wines on offer at less than the current retail price. We have also made a separate list of all the wines we sell at under £25 so if the budget is tight, no problem, instead of having to trawl through the list looking at the prices, they are there for you at the front.

Short Breaks

If you are thinking of a short, or even a long break in North Wales where there is always plenty to do, let us tempt you back to Tyddyn Llan. We are offering **any two nights at a reduced rate of £190 or three nights at £250** per person dinner, bed and breakfast with an upgrade to the best possible room on arrival. Both of these deals are available Sunday through to Friday.

Mid week bed and breakfast offer

Bed and breakfast in a standard room £95 for two persons.
Bed and breakfast in a superior room £120 for two persons.
Minimum stay two nights, available Sunday through to Friday.

The dining options are then up to you. Choose from our local menu for three courses at £28, our two or three course dinner menu at £38 and £45 respectively, or treat yourselves to our eight course tasting menu at £65. If on any night you fancy something different, no problem. We will be happy to advise you where else to eat in the area.

The Weekender

If time off during the week is not an option, how about our weekend deal of Champagne in the room on arrival, two nights dinner, bed and breakfast, afternoon tea on Saturday and Sunday lunch before departure, or skip lunch and enjoy our full nine course tasting menu one evening. Prices for the two-night weekend break start at £220 per person in one of our comfortable small double rooms, to £350 per person in the Garden Suite.

Little notes

Megan Retires

After 23 years Megan has decided to step down from her position as head housekeeper. Over the years, many of you will have been served breakfast by Megan and her watchful eye has always ensured that the place is spick and span. She's not leaving completely however, and will be with us a few days a week, when she's not babysitting the grandchildren!

Chefy Bits

Over the past few months you may have spotted us on the food demo stages of Wales, the highlights being the Royal Welsh and one of my favourites, the Aberaeron Food Festival which is always loads of fun.

I am also rejoining the Master Chefs of Great Britain; this special club was created back in 1981 when I was one of the original members. I was asked back earlier this year, and at their annual luncheon in November will be made a fellow. They produce an excellent magazine which we will be placing in every room for you to read, it's full of good articles and recipes, and we will also stock a few copies in case you want to purchase one.

I have also joined up with local schools to try to encourage youngsters to gain an interest in the catering world. Every so often a group of school children come marching through the kitchen; I always have a few live crabs and lobsters to hand to keep them interested.

The Food Guides

Susan and I would like to say a big thank you to all our customers who voted for us in the Good Food Guide. This year it paid off and we won the Best Restaurant in Wales, which we were delighted with, especially as we have now achieved this four times in the past seven years!

The Michelin men came to visit and unfortunately, they informed us that our food was not good enough for the surroundings that it's served in, so unless we turn Tyddyn Llan into a pub, the Star will not be something I can tick off my wish list. I shall have to be contented that they continue to rate us the highest award for luxury with three red knives and forks, again the highest in Wales.

Lunches at Tyddyn Llan

If you live within an hour's drive from us, (which takes in a vast area of North Wales, Cheshire, Shropshire and the Wirral), why not consider us for a lunch on Friday or over the weekend. With the light evenings you will be back home before the sun sets. We open every Friday and Saturday for lunch with an excellent choice of dishes priced at £23.50 for two courses and £29.50 for three. On Sundays Tyddyn Llan is buzzing with families, friends and foodies enjoying a leisurely lunch which always includes a roast Sirloin of top quality Welsh black beef as one of the choices, this would have been reared on one of the farms surrounding us. There is also a selection of our specialities and seasonal starters, desserts and at least five other main course options. It makes a wonderful way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon, finishing with coffee in the garden on the terrace or in one of our comfortable lounges.

What's to do in the area?

A day trip to Aberdyfi is always great a drive with fantastic scenery and a wonderful place to explore; Snowdon is under an hours drive, as are the amazing gardens at Bodnant. A few more minutes driving and you will reach the seaside town of Llandudno together with the historic castle of Conwy. Only 45 minutes away is Chester, with a fantastic array of shops which Susan can expertly advise you on. Or you can take a walk around the city on the Roman walls that surround the centre. A short drive from the hotel above Llangollen is the Panorama with stunning views of the Dee Valley and where you can climb to the Valle Crucis Abbey, and let's not forget the Horseshoe Pass. After living in this wonderful part of the country for seven years we are now discovering for ourselves the charm of Ruthin with its new and interesting craft centre which is recognised as Wales's premier centre for applied arts. Then there is Ruthin Gaol, St Asaph's Cathedral, Rhug Chapel, Denbigh castle and Rhuddlan church, all in Denbighshire. But my favourite is a stroll over the Thomas Telford's impressive Pontcysyllte Aqueduct.

For the more active we can advise you on walks of all levels starting from the hotel. Within an hours walk and a stiff climb from the hotel onto the Berwyn Mountains there is Llandrillo's little secret, our own mini Stonehenge, a spectacularly sited stone circle of Moel Ty Uchaf dating from around

2,200BC, it is said to be aligned on the midsummer rising of the star Deneb. From this point you witness amazing views of the valley. There is white water rafting at Bala together with lots of other water sports. A few minutes away there is the Get Wet centre for outdoor activities such as rock climbing, tree roping and paint balling and at Llandegla there are first class mountain bike trails where you can use your own bike or hire one at the centre.

If you want more information there are links on our web site or contact Carol in the office Monday to Friday 9 till 5. She will be more than happy to explain our deals and local attractions.

Conferences

Have you ever thought of Tyddyn Llan as a conference venue? Throughout the year we hold small conferences for up to 20 people, who enjoy the luxury surroundings and the tranquillity of the area together with our fine cooking and hearty breakfasts to start the day. We offer 24 hour delegate rates from £160 to include dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch, morning coffee, afternoon tea and room hire. Why not tie your conference in with some team building at the nearby active sport centres. We are also available for a day only conference hire with lunch, teas and coffee for £45 per person.

That Special occasion

If in the near future you are planning a special birthday, anniversary or someone in the family has wedding ideas, we at Tyddyn Llan can arrange everything to make that special day perfect. We can cater for up to 40 people in a private room or 60 for total exclusivity of the hotel and even up to 120 in a marquee. Whatever you want from a band to dance to, disco to bop to, firework displays or just simple Tyddyn Llan food and fine wines, consider us for your next big special occasion. We also have a licence to hold civil wedding ceremonies. If your idea of a wedding is small and quiet you can have your wedding with us with as few guests as suits you. We can also arrange a special meal in a private room any day of the week to celebrate your anniversary, birthday or family wedding with menus from only £28. Please call Carol for more information.

New Year Celebrations

New Year at Tyddyn Llan is always a special night, kicking off with a Champagne reception and canapés, followed by a six course seasonal festive dinner with background music from the "Hot Foot Jazz Band", Champagne at Midnight with fireworks, while the jazz band raise the tempo with dancing until 1am. Prices from £350 person for a two night break.

Wine Dinners

Over the seven years we have been at Tyddyn Llan we have regularly organised wine dinners with Neville Blech our wine consultant and other wine masters.

To celebrate being in residence at Tyddyn Llan for the 7 years we shall be hosting our annual anniversary dinner on Saturday November 28th hosted by Igor Andronov, a great wine enthusiast who will hold a tasting of some of his favourite wines from Bentley's wine merchants of Ludlow, followed by a six course seasonal gourmet dinner with wines to match. The cost of the evening will be £85 per person; if you are planning to stay we can offer a deal on the bed and breakfast rate. Our second dinner will be on January 16th when we shall host a winter warmer dinner, four courses of warming hearty food with wines to match at £65 per person and rooms from £95 bed and breakfast for two persons. Please contact Carol for more information

AND SO TO 2010

The offer of spending three days in the kitchen at Tyddyn Llan is still open, it involves "one to one" instruction on how we cook at Tyddyn Llan, running on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays and includes accommodation, lunch and dinner. These can be arranged on dates to suit you, or it's a great idea for an original gift.

Peter and Bridget Kindred, the previous owners of Tyddyn Llan are both very well, and Peter has mentioned that he would be very happy to arrange a painting course at Tyddyn Llan if enough people were interested, during the Kindred's time at Tyddyn Llan they were very popular, please give us a call if this interests you

During the first couple of weeks into the New Year until February 11th we will be operating our winter opening times.

Open lunch and dinner Fridays and Saturdays and lunch on Sundays with bed and breakfast Friday and Saturdays.

If however you want to arrange a party of three rooms or more we would be more than happy to open especially for you.

We shall be taking a break ourselves next year and we shall be closed after lunch on Sunday January 17th reopening for dinner on Friday 29th January.

Valentines Day

In 2010 Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday so make sure to make your reservation for either a lazy lunch or dinner, it's the one day in the restaurant calendar that every restaurant can guarantee being full.

If you fancy an overnight stay on the Sunday we can offer you a special deal of Champagne, chocolates and a rose in your room, dinner, bed and breakfast from £110 per person.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and I hope it has given you some ideas of how you can return to Tyddyn Llan for a few special days.

Hoping to see you soon,

Bryan